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FOLLOWING STATION ANALYSIS OF ELECTION PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROBLEMS IS DESIGNED TO FLESH OUT REF, THEREBY GIVING HEADQUARTERS BETTER APPRECIATION OF OPERATIONAL PICTURE, ESPECIALLY PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS LIMITING PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS.

1. DESPITE GENERAL PUBLIC APATHY TOWARD MARCH ELECTION, SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY WILL WITNESS INTENSIFICATION OF CAMPAIGN IN WHICH MUCH PENT-UP BITTERNESS COULD ERUPT. MAIN CONTEST DEVELOPING BETWEEN PARTIDO NACIONAL AND PDC. FORMER GOING ALL OUT IN TARRING PDC WITH COMMUNIST BRUSH. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT PS AND CP GOONS WILL ATTEMPT MAKE NUISANCE OF THEMSELVES (ESPECIALLY IN URBAN CENTERS) TO PROVOKE GOVERNMENT INTO REPRESSIVE ACTION. IN TWO-FRONT WAR PDC LIKELY TO TRAIN HEAVY ARTILLERY UPON CONSERVATIVE RIGHT, CONFINING ITSELF TO PROPAGANDISTIC FORAYS AGAINST EXTREME LEFT ONLY IF ATTACKED.

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2. FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, BOTH PN AND PDC INCLINE TO VIEW COMMUNIST THREAT AS SIDE-ISSUE AND EVEN AS DANGEROUS DISTRACTION. ALL THIS PORTENDS MOUNTING POLARIZATION WITHIN POLITICAL CENTER CAMP WHICH ELECTION OUTCOME IS UNLIKELY TO REFLECT.

3. AGAINST ABOVE BACKGROUND, MAIN THRUST OF STATION'S BROAD SPECTRUM PROPAGANDA IS PLEA TO INDEPENDENT VOTER TO EXERCISE HIS VOTE AND COUNTERACT PRESENT STATE OF LETHARGY (AGGRAVATED BY DISTRACTIONS OF SUMMER VACATION PERIOD) AND REPUGNANCE AT CHILE'S PARTY SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.

4. SUBSIDIARY FUNCTION OF BROAD SPECTRUM PROPAGANDA IS PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO UNCOMMITTED VOTER ON HOW TO CHOOSE AMONG CANDIDATES THE ONE BEST QUALIFIED TO HELP STEER CHILE ON COURSE OF MODERATION, ESCHEWING SUMMONS TO CLASS WARFARE WHICH IN LONG RUN BOUND TO LEAD TO ALTERATION OF EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER.

5. [REDACTED] EFFORTS TO PORTRAY PRESIDENT FREI AS PERSONIFICATION OF POLITICAL MODERATION IN TURBULENT SEA OF LEFTIST EXTREMISM THUS FAR UNAVAILING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS AN EXAMPLE, STATION INITI-

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TIALLY MET WITH FLAT REFUSAL WHEN SUGGESTING POSTER WITH  
FREI'S IMAGE AND VERBATIM QUOTES FROM RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE  
IN WHICH FREI VOICED OPPOSITION TO PDC/CP ALLIANCES. REASON  
GIVEN WAS THAT THIS PROPAGANDA PLOY COULD SERVE TO RESTORE  
FREI'S TARNISHED REPUTATION. ██████████ LIKewise STRONGLY RE-  
SISTANT TO STATION PLEAS THAT ITS MUCKRAKING OF REGIME BE  
TEMPERED BY EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

6. STATION HAS BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IN GENERATING ANTI-COMMUNIST POSTERS WHICH DARKLY PREDICT RAMPANT INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, SHOULD COMMUNISM COME TO POWER.

7. STATION HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT CP'S LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO VIEW CZECH UNPLEASANTNESS AS POTENTIALLY INJURIOUS TO ITS ELECTORAL PROSPECTS, [REDACTED]

CONSIDER THIS TESTIMONIAL TO SWAY OF.

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SILENT TERROR WHICH COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS HOLD OVER INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF CHILE. AFTER INITIALLY SHOWING INTEREST [REDACTED] DECLINED ACCEPT SPONSORSHIP OF INVITING DISTINGUISHED CZECH EXILE.

8. DEBARRED UNDER GROUND RULES OF ELECTION PROGRAM FROM ANY TYPE OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION WITH POLITICAL PARTIES PER SE, STATION FINDS ITSELF SEVERLY HANDICAPPED BY ABSENCE OF NON-AFFILIATED POLITICAL MECHANISMS TO WHICH PROPAGANDA CAN BE ATTRIBUTED.

9. [REDACTED] EXPECTATION THAT OVERT POLICIES (SPECIFICALLY ECONOMIC AID) WERE GOING TO TAKE THE BRUNT OF SHORING UP CHILE'S DOMESTIC STABILITY AT TIME CRUCIAL IN FIXING VOTER PREFERENCES APPEARS TO STA ONLY PARTIALLY FULFILLED. IN-

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STEAD, WE HAVE ALMOST COMPLETELY SELF-SUSTAINED COVERT ELECTION PROGRAM, CAST IN [REDACTED] SELECTIVE FUNDING AND ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, WHILE ECONOMIC AID TO CHILE CONTINUES TO STAVE OFF POTENTIAL CRISES.

10. MAJORITY OF CHILE'S ADULT CITIZENRY ARE BUT DIMLY AWARE OF MAGNITUDE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING CHILE OVER LONG-HAUL AND OF SIGNIFICANCE U.S. AID (ESPITE ITS MARGINALITY) IN STABILIZING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. AS STA SEES IT, AID PROGRAM HAS ENABLED FREI REGIME TO EXPERIMENT IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORM, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, COMING TO GRIPS WITH CHILE'S POLITICAL MALAISE (I.E., CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN COUNTRY'S SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT), WITHOUT AS YET HARNESSING CHILE'S CREATIVE ENERGIES TOWARD FULFILMENT OF REALISTICALLY ATTAINABLE ECONOMIC GOALS AND WITHOUT CONTAINING INFLATION. WHETHER ANY AID PROGRAM CAN CONCEIVABLE ACHIEVE THOSE ENDS IS BEYOND STATION'S COMPETENCY TO JUDGE. LATEST N.I.E. REALISTICALLY ANALYZES FUNDAMENTAL POLITICO/ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING CHILE AND WHICH PROVIDE SETTING IN WHICH STATION HAS TO OPERATE.

12. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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